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NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Sikkim is pleased to constitute a State Level Manufacturing Competitiveness Council under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim, consisting of the following Members, namely :-

(1)	Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim	Chairman.
(2)	Development Commissioner, Development Planning, Economic Reforms & North Eastern Council Affairs Department	Member.
(3)	Principal Secretary, Finance, Revenue & Expenditure Department	Member.
(4)	Secretary Information and Technology Department	Member.
(5)	Secretary, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department	Member.
(6)	Secretary, Science and Technology Department	Member.
(7)	Secretary, Health Care, Health Services &Family Welfare Department	Member.
(8)	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Commerce & Industries	Member Secretary.

2. The terms of reference of the Council shall be as follows :-

(1) The State Level **Manufacturing Competitiveness Council** will be an inter-disciplinary highest level body to serve as a policy forum for credible and coherent policy initiatives which shall provide a continuing forum for policy dialogue and energize and sustain the growth of manufacturing industries.

(2) The Council shall,-

(a) suggest various ways and means for enhancing the competitiveness of manufacturing sector including identification of manufacturing sectors which have potential for global competitiveness;
(b) Identify current strengths and constraints of the sectors;

(c)recommend National level industry/sector specific policy initiatives as may be required for augmenting the growth of manufacturing sector;
(d) prepare a ' State Level Manufacturing Strategy Paper' to identify the areas of policy that are to be addressed and proceed with detailed study and make recommendations in respect of sub-sectors of manufacturing that are assessed to have immediate potential for growth and employment;
(e) examine Competitiveness upon Country specific advantages-Industry specific advantage-Enterprise specific advantages and identify the Challenges faced by manufacturing units;
(f) enhance Government focus on manufacturing imperative and competitiveness;
(g) driving cost competitiveness and domestic demand;
(h) consider Importance of Information Technology (IT) in manufacturing sector;
(i) create relation between quality, certification and the assessment process (auditing);
(j) create conditions for growth, investment & employment;
(k) lowering cost of manufacture and improving quality;

(3) Some of the procedures at the State government level where appropriate reforms are necessary, include:-
(i) providing the necessary investment climate for the growth of manufacturing in the states;
(ii) providing infrastructure, particularly in respect of power, water,roads, etc.;
(iii) development of a common format for computerization of required records;
(iv) doing away with multiplicity of inspections by large number of inspectors;
(v) establish priorities for support of advanced manufacturing technologies;
(vi) create coordination mechanism on Manufacturing Research and Development to be pursued.
(vii) create a monitoring mechanism & measuring performance;
(viii) right market framework, competition and regulations;
(ix) interact with National Manufacturing Competitive Council on the above issues;

(4) The Stale Level Manufacturing Competitive Council may constitute District Level Committee and hold meeting from time to time, minimum quarterly on the above subjects.

By order and In the name of Governor.

KARMA GYATSO, IAS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES
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